

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Allen Behl, Larry Bischoff, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Dale Macheel, James Qualmann and Naomi Kriewald via teleconference.

Member(s) absent: None.

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Matt Peplinski with FSA, Tonya Pautzke with NRCS, Mike Burg USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**
Tonya introduced herself to the committee. She will be taking over for Kathy for 3 months. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program application deadline is 11/20/2020. The Conservation Stewardship program is ongoing.
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA) Matt Peplinski**
Dairy Margin Coverage program end date is 12/11/2020. ARC/PLC program is open until 3/15/2021. Fall crop reporting end date is 11/15/2020. FSA committee ballots will be going out in November. Ballots need to be returned by 12/7/2020. Documents and paper work are being handled either by mail or email. Phone call appointments are being used.

Wildlife Crop Damage Program – Mike Burg USDA-APHIS Wildlife Specialist

- Mike presented the 2021 budget to the committee and explained how it was broken down. Budget amount for 2021 is \$52,043.80. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to increase the appraisal price on the soybeans, field corn and wheat and the remaining to stay the same. Motion carried.

Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement with Rock River Coalition

- The language in the agreement has been worked out. Rock River Coalition will send contract to John and he will forward it to the DNR.

Budget-Indirect Costs

- John explained to the committee what the budget indirect costs is and that it will not affect the budget.

Well Testing Program

- 881 letters were sent out asking for volunteers for the well testing program. 366 responses back so far. Test kits will go out within 2 weeks.

Farmland Preservation Software Development and Notices of Non-Compliance

- Working on a few issues with the software.
- Currently no notices of non-compliance. 72 letters were sent out regarding paperwork still needed for the FPP program. 36 still have not yet responded.

Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices

- John reviewed the handout with the committee. A couple of the projects will carry over to next year.

Committee Member Reports

Lake Sinissippi – Naomi Kriewald

- Naomi was unable to attend the meeting but did have the minutes from the meeting. Working on Lake Improvements, ditch management and carp removal solutions.

Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley

- The Beaver Dam Lake District has collected ramp fees of \$12,000. They have talked with Bill Ehlenbeck with Land Resources and Parks Dept. to look at a lagoon as a project but that exceeded the budget. Possible project would be to look at the camp sites that flood out in the spring. Bill E and John B have met and discussed this project. LWCD will make contact with the land owner who owns the adjoining field. The Beaver Dam Lake District is looking to control the water runoff and sediment that drains into Rakes Bay. They have been in contact with the DNR regarding doing a hydrology study. Grant money is available and application is due November 1st. Rakes Bay is the highest source of phosphorus for Beaver Dam Lake.

Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel

- Virtual meeting was held October 8th. All the money in the cover crop program has been spent. Tracy Z updated them on the prison farm. They are working on getting volunteers for the stream monitoring project. Decision on how to distribute the heavy metal discharge money will be resolved by attorneys. They will be removing the residue on the waste water ponds in the spring.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 23, 2020 at 8:15 am.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.


Larry Bischoff/Chair


Lisa Derr/Secretary